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## **HEARING OFFICE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF WESTROCK ASSOCIATES LLC WATER RIGHT APPLICATION**

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A state water rights hearing officer has recommended approval of a water right application from WestRock Associates LLC, the Department of Water Resources announced today.

The application would provide the proposed four-season WestRock Resort in Valley County with a year-round right to use 8.6 cubic feet per second (5.56 million gallons per day) of ground water from 11 well sites in the resort area.

WestRock Associates LLC filed the water right application in March 2001. Citizens for Valley County subsequently protested the application. CVC argued that approving the water right would not be in the public interest, that it was not made in good faith and that WestRock lacked sufficient financial resources to complete the proposed project.

IDWR Hearing Officer Peter Anderson conducted a three-day contested case hearing on the application in late June.

The parties in the case now have 14 days in which to request reconsideration by the hearing office of his decision and recommended order or file exceptions and briefs with the IDWR Director. If no action is taken, the order will become a final order after the 14-day period expires.

A copy of the decision is available for review on the Special Interest Items section of the IDWR Internet web site. The Internet address is: **[www.idwr.state.id.us](http://www.idwr.state.id.us)**.